

- lateness
- Latecomer

Late

- Late in doing sth
- To be behindhand with
- I worked late last night because I was behindhand with my accounts

Behindhand

- Coming later than expected
 - A belated apology
 - Belated birthday greetings!
 - To make a belated attempt to do sth
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- Belatedly

belated

- Until the last moment that it is possible to do sth
- *I think the election will **go** right down to the wire (= be won at the last moment).*
- As with the rest of my life, it all came down to the wire.

Down to the wire

- If you say it's getting on, or time is getting on, you mean it is becoming late (informal)

- *It's getting on - we'd better be going.*

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Be getting on

- **someone who becomes good at something after people usually become good at it:**
- *At school she was a late developer, and it wasn't until she went to university that her talents became apparent.*

Late developer

- someone who starts using a new product, especially a new piece of technology, later than many other people
- *For a long time I didn't have a smart phone, being a late adopter.*

Late adopter

- Too late to be useful
- *It's too late in the day to start studying - your final exams are next week.*

Late in the day

- Not done when expected
- She feels she's overdue for promotion

Overdue

- To close the stable
- To close barn door after the horse has bolted
- To be so late in taking actions to prevent sth

To shut the stable

- **used to say that something happened when it was almost too late:**
- *Help arrived - and not a moment too soon.*

Not a moment too soon

- Slow or late in happening
- Rather tardy arrival
- tardiness

Tardy

- INFORMAL
- **An unearthly time is not at all convenient because it is too early in the morning or too late at night:**
- **UNCIVILIZED HOUR**
- **a very early or very late time in the day:**
- *Sorry to call you at such an uncivilized hour.*

Unearthly

- Very late (disapproving)

Until all hours

- The latest possible opportunity to do sth
- *At the last minute, we found our tickets.*
- *A last-minute cancellation*
- *A last –minute reprieve*
- *The last-minute rush*

The last minute
